Provenance Record — City of Vergennes, Vermont
Public Assemblage Ordinance (Code ch. 9, § 2)

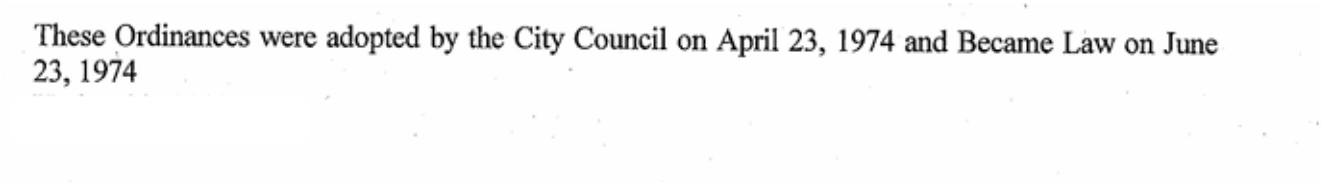
Prepared August 27, 2026 by Donald C. Clark, Jr., author of “The People Have A Right” (Rutgers University Law Review, forthcoming), from an email received August 24, 2026. This record reproduces the substantive content of the email exchange with the City Clerk. Internet routing headers and personal signature material have been omitted; the original message file remains in the author’s custody.

From	Betsy Sullivan, Vergennes City Clerk/Treasurer <clerk@vergennes.org>
To	Donald Clark
Date	Monday, August 24, 2026, 14:57:11 UTC (10:57 a.m. EDT)
Subject	Re: Town Ordinance Inquiry
Attachment	image.png (693 × 93 px; inline image of the ordinance-book adoption notation)

1. The Clerk’s reply (August 24, 2026)

> “This is what I just found.... to my knowledge, it has not changed.”

Inline image transmitted with the reply (reproduced at original pixel dimensions):



Transcription: “These Ordinances were adopted by the City Council on April 23, 1974 and Became Law on June 23, 1974”

Signature block as sent: Betsy Sullivan, Vergennes City Clerk/Treasurer, 120 Main Street, Vergennes, Vermont, 802-877-2841, clerk@vergennes.org.

2. The author’s inquiry (quoted in the reply; sent Thursday, August 20, 2026, 4:09 p.m.)

> “Ms. Sullivan — Thank you for taking my call the other day. To memorialize the two items and make any reply easy: first, the adoption date of the City’s Public Assemblage Ordinance, codified as chapter 9, section 2, together with the dates of any amendments; second, whether the Facility Use Policy presented to the City Council on March 25, 2025 — the draft listing the City Green, Falls Park, and McDonough Park among covered facilities — was adopted, and if so on what date. A one-line reply on each is all I need, and copies of either document as maintained in the City’s records would be welcome but are not necessary. With thanks for your help, Don Clark”

3. What the record establishes

(a) The City of Vergennes Public Assemblage Ordinance, codified at chapter 9, section 2 of the City Code, was adopted by the City Council on April 23, 1974 and became law on June 23, 1974, per the City Clerk’s ordinance-book notation. (b) The Clerk states that, to her knowledge, the ordinance has not been amended since. (c) The second question — whether the Facility Use

Policy presented to the City Council on March 25, 2025 was adopted — was not answered.

4. Integrity

Original message file (Town_Ordinance_Inquiry.eml): 50,176 bytes, MD5 c34efefa577b0d9639aa77170dcb9ec9. Inline image (image.png): 17,765 bytes, MD5 381e4d8f3b51d0f0583378b69187208a. Both retained in the author’s custody; the message file is withheld from public deposit to protect routing metadata.